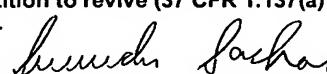
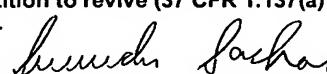
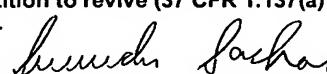


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TITLE OF INVENTION <b>BLOCK COPOLYMER MIXTURE CONTAINING STAR-BRANCHED BLOCK COPOLYMER</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hiroyuki KURIMURA et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:		
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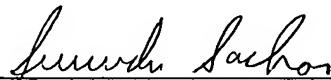
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Respectfully submitted,

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